



# Elim Lutheran Church

## The Messenger

MARCH 2025

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Greetings, church -

I hope you are feeling at peace and are enjoying the end of this season of Epiphany!

As our season of Light draws to an end, we look towards the transition to Lent. The season of Lent is a time of introspection and thoughtful preparation before Easter. This year we are again blessed to get to be with our siblings in Christ at Marquette United Methodist Church for a Wednesday night Lenten worship series. Pastor Brenda at MUMC was inspired by a Lutheran Pastor to think of the notion of 'dirt' in our scriptures and lives. I am grateful to once again follow her lead!

Pastor Brenda and I hope that those who are able to come to Wednesday night worship services will connect with God through worship and experience a deepening of faith through the stories that involve the basic element of dirt.

Each Wednesday evening we will gather for worship at 6:30pm.

**March 5**, Ash Wednesday, we will meet at Elim and Pastor Brenda will preach. We will focus on being created from dust. The sign of the cross will be shared in ash with anyone who would like to participate in the ritual.

**March 12** we will meet at MUMC and I will preach. We will focus on the bricks in the story of the tower of Babel.

**March 19** we will meet at Elim and Pastor Brenda will preach. We will focus on our clay-ness and God as our Potter.

**March 26** we will meet at MUMC and I will preach. Jesus once spit into the dirt to heal. We will focus on this mud.

**April 2** we will meet at Elim and Pastor Brenda will preach. There is a story about types of soil. Pastor Brenda will bring it to life for us this evening.

**April 9** we will meet at MUMC and I will preach. Jesus spoke about shaking the dust off of our feet at one point. This night we will contemplate how the story informs our lives.

**April 17**, Maundy Thursday, we will meet at Elim and I will preach. Jesus washed the disciples' feet because they were dirty and this cleansing is what a servant did in Jesus' time. Then they all ate together. They remembered the stories of their ancestors in the Jewish faith and new things started happening. So too will it be for us this evening.

**April 18**, Good Friday, we will meet at MUMC and worship will be led by Pastor Brenda.

Pastor Brenda and I are excited about this series and the opportunity to lead worship together through this season. We hope you are able to come along with us as we seek to grow in our faith together during our Lenten journey.

w/gratitude – Pastor Amy Kay



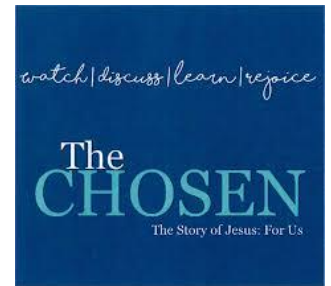
**Please keep in prayer:** Nikki Larson, Eveleigh Weis, Beth Thomas, Shelby Miller (Jayleen Sellhorn’s granddaughter), Ava Jones, Ronnie Larson, Rusty Young, Nathan Hulvey, Tiffany Holcom, Doug Schneider, Art Mayfield, Deb McGinty, Donna Nelson (Deryl Nelson’s wife), Tom French, Rose Erickson and TACOL, Tammy Hopp, Lynda Krahl, and the residents at Riverview Estates and all care facilities. Our heartfelt sympathy to the family of Janie Nyquist.

Elim strives to extend the power of prayer to those who feel they would benefit from it. New prayer requests will be taken at any time. Contact Pastor Amy Kay at 573-808-1980, or email

[elimmarquette@gmail.com](mailto:elimmarquette@gmail.com) or [elimsec@gmail.com](mailto:elimsec@gmail.com). **[Please notify Pastor Amy Kay or the secretary if you wish to have your name removed following recovery or for other reasons. Thank you.]**

### ADULT BIBLE STUDY

Adult Bible Study meets **every Sunday at 9:45 – 10:30 AM in the Parish Hall**. Julie Olson is the facilitator. We are studying the newest episodes of “The Chosen”. We have also delved into the Roundtable, which further discusses the episodes of “The Chosen” with the director, a rabbi, a Catholic Priest and an evangelical theologian. When this series is over, Julie has some new material to share that will highlight Christianity witnessed in everyday entertainment. There is no obligation to attend all sessions. Just come when you can. **HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!**



### GOSPEL SUNDAY



Once again our choirs and ensembles sang Gospel music on Sunday, February 23, accompanied by instrumentalists on piano, organ, guitar, banjo, drums and shakers. This tradition has brought members of the community and beyond to come share in the spiritual joy of praise music. There were 98 in attendance on this particular Sunday.

Among those performing were Layne Patrick on guitar, Kellen McMahan on drum, Betty Amos Nelson on electric piano and shaker, Leland Nelson on guitar, and of course, Jackie Larson on organ and piano. The Junior Choir sang “This Train is Bound for Glory”, and ensembles made up choir members Sandy Edwards, Julie Olson, Dana Olson, Brooke Olson, and Allan Lindfors sang upbeat songs of praise.

Leland Nelson and Betty Amos Nelson perform a medley of Gospel songs as the prelude at the beginning of service.

### RIVERVIEW SONGFEST

Thanks to Brooke Olson, Carly Patrick, Carol Jones, and Carylee Nelson for helping with Riverview Estates Songfest on February 16. We had 15 or 20 present to enjoy this valuable ministry at Riverview! Challenging all to prayerfully consider helping us out in March! If you could commit to attending ONE time this year, it would be much appreciated! Also, Elim was presented \$7.31 from Riverview residents to contribute to our noisy offering!

*Jackie Larson shared this for the bulletin. I among others always have an excuse not to attend. I can’t sing but I sure can visit with the residents. SO WHAT DO YOU SAY? Can we accept the challenge and try to attend at least once in awhile? I know those always dedicated to it will appreciate it, as well the residents who attend.*

Gayle



## WELCA NEWS

WELCA has a new look! Beginning in February 2025, we will no longer have a president, vice president, or secretary. This organization will now continue forward as a committee-driven part of Elim. At this time we had no one step forward to take over as officers. Therefore the current board and interested members decided to continue as committees only, headed by the women of Elim. Our current treasurer, Donna Patrick, has agreed to stay on in her capacity to take care of income and expenses. The following list of committees will be printed each month in the Messenger, along with the chairperson(s) and contact number(s).

It is our prayer that WELCA will be able to continue many of our responsibilities to our church and community through this new format. If you have any questions or suggestions, feel free to contact any chairperson, or volunteer to help out on any of the committees. Your preparation of food or time spent working for WELCA is always appreciated.

Hopefully, as time goes by, someone will feel called to step forward in a leadership role so that we can resume a more consistent WELCA organization. Please pray for guidance and direction for yourself and others who have willingly stepped up to be helpers in God's kingdom.

We will continue as best we can with our church supporting us. Thank you to all who are involved in any way – physically, prayerfully, or through monetary donations.

Prayerfully serving,

Your past board members:

Carol Jones, President

Diane Talbott, Vice-President

Bernice Peterson, Secretary

Donna Patrick, Treasurer

### COMMITTEES:

WELCA Treasurer: Donna Patrick (785-212-1752)

Funeral Luncheon: Carylee Nelson (785-820-1838), Nancy Hopp (620-242-9102)

Riverview Songfest: Jackie Larson (785-376-1931), Pastor Amy Kay Pavlovich (573-808-1980)

Riverview Birthday Party – January through April: Cindy Bunk (629-755-6185)

Lion's Club Meals: Linda Johnson (785-826-5544), Carol Jones (785-577-5926)

LWR Quilts: Donna Patrick (785-212-1752)

Kitchen Committee: Linda Johnson (785-826-5544)

WELCA Women's Bible Study: Kelly Larson (785-212-0323)

ALL Elim members: don't forget Riverview Sing-alongs every 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday at 4:00 PM. The next one will be **Sunday, March 16, 2025.** Everyone is welcome to join in.

Elim's WELCA is responsible for the Riverview Birthday Parties on the last Friday of each month through April. Please check the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board and consider teaming up with one or more women to provide treats and conversation with the residents. Thank you to Carol Jones and Jackie Larson for hosting the party in February.

WELCA members are now hosting a women's Bible study on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month. The next one will be held **March 12 at 9:30 AM** in the Elim Parish Hall.

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**PLEASE NOTE: Cost per lily may vary. The exact price will be posted in the April Messenger and bulletins.**  
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## **ORDER FORM FOR WHITE LILIES for Easter Sunday!**



**Please submit your order by April 13.**  
Approximate cost: \$10.00 per lily

**Payment must be submitted at the time of your order.** Please make checks payable to Piper's Fine Foods. Place your order form and payment in an envelope and mail to Elim Lutheran Church, 403 N. Lincoln, Marquette, KS 67464, or leave in the box designated when you enter the church. You can also leave your order in the locked drop box just outside the Parish Hall doors. **THANK YOU!**

Please specify how you would like your dedication worded. We will post this in the bulletin and Messenger, and on Elim's website. Select one or more of the options below:

- In Loving Memory of \_\_\_\_\_
- To the Glory of God for \_\_\_\_\_
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

Given by \_\_\_\_\_

(Include all names you want on the dedication; if more space is needed, use lines below)

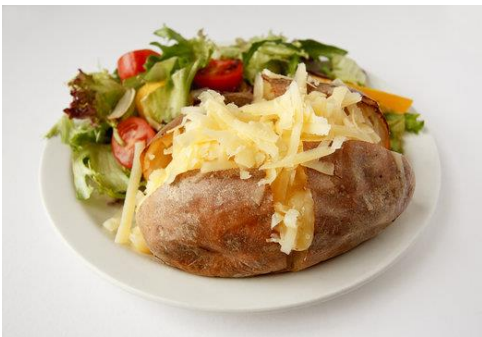
Total # of lilies ordered: \_\_\_\_\_ Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Total Due: \_\_\_\_\_ Paid: \_\_\_\_\_ (X)

Contact Gayle Nelson (785-201-7675) with any questions.

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### **RIVERVIEW POTATO BAR**



Riverview Auxiliary is hosting a potato bar on **Saturday, March 15 at 5:00-7:00 PM** in the Multi-Purpose Room at Riverview Estates. Please come and enjoy baked potatoes with your choice of toppings (beef stroganoff, chili, broccoli and cheese, and any combo of cheese, sour cream, butter, onions and peppers). There will also be salad, garlic bread, and a splendid selection of pies. The meal is free-will donation. All proceeds go to Riverview Estates.

# SERVING THE LORD IN MARCH

## ACOLYTES

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## LECTORS

March 2 Linda Johnson  
 March 5\* Brooke Olson  
 March 9 Jackie Larson  
 March 16 Nancy Rawson  
 March 23 Lindsay Newton  
 March 30 Linda Johnson

## GREETERS

March 2 Scott and Linda Johnson  
 March 5\* Dana and Julie Olson  
 March 9 Lindsay Newton, Acea & Kaehler  
 March 16 Nancy Hopp  
 March 23 Jim and Bernice Peterson  
 March 30 Linda Johnson

## COMMUNION ASSISTANT

March 2 Carly Peterson

## COMMUNION SET-UP/CLEAN-UP/BREAD

Set-up & Clean-up: Beth Thomas & Carol Jones  
 Bread: Beth Thomas

**USHER FOR MARCH: Lars Peterson**

\*Ash Wednesday

### Offerings and Attendance per week in 2025

<b>February 2</b>	<b>\$2003.00</b>	<b>69</b>
<b>February 9*</b>	<b>\$7045.87</b>	<b>66</b>
<b>February 16</b>	<b>\$1554.00</b>	<b>61</b>
<b>February 23*</b>	<b>\$1618.50</b>	<b>98**</b>

\*Noisy Offering: Feb. 9 - \$86.03 (includes contributions from Riverview residents) + Feb. 23 - \$92.79

\*\*Gospel Sunday

### **Monthly Financial Report**

[As Presented to council 02/03//25]

Beginning Balance as of 01/01/25:	\$	35,768.33
Revenue:	\$	8,251.10
Expenses:	\$	-9,614.24
Ending Balance as of 01/31/25:	\$	34,405.19

## **NOTES FROM CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING**

February 3, 2025

President Curtis Patrick welcomed new council members Darren Able, Linn Nelson, Bernice Peterson, and Matt Toll. Election of officers followed: council voted for Curtis Patrick to remain as President, Carly Peterson to serve as Vice-President, Diane Hedberg to remain as Treasurer, and Gayle Nelson to remain as Secretary. Installation of the new council members will take place during worship service on February 9. Pastor Amy Kay reported that Lenten services will begin Ash Wednesday, March 5, and that the theme will be centered on "dirt".

**Worship & Music:** Pastor Amy Kay will report to council on committee activity/decisions.

**Finance & Stewardship:** No meeting.

**Memorial Committee:** Janis Larson reported that \$5000 is designated for parsonage maintenance.

**Christian Ed.:** Pastor Amy Kay reported Sunday School is going great.

**Evangelism/Social Ministry:** No meeting.

**Property/Security Committee:** Curtis Patrick and Matt Toll reported on the need to repair the Parish Hall roof. The cost (approximately \$26,000) will require a congregational vote, scheduled for March 2 following the worship service.

Next meeting to be held on Monday, March 3, 2025.

## RED CROSS BLOODMOBILE



**REMINDER:** The next Red Cross Bloodmobile is scheduled for **TUESDAY, April 1** from 12:00-6:00 PM at Elim Lutheran Church Parish Hall. Please come at your appointment time. **THANK YOU FOR GIVING**

## BEST CHOICE LABELS

PLEASE continue to bring your Best Choice labels from the cartons and containers you purchase at Piper's or other stores offering Best Choice products throughout the year. **Write yourself a reminder or stick an envelope on the refrigerator to save the labels.** The Christian Education Committee collects them to help fund youth who are interested in attending church camp. **We received \$90 for labels collected in 2024.** Be sure to cut the labels with the words "Best Choice" at the top of the UPC symbol (bar code). The bar code must be included with the label. A container for collecting the labels is available in the narthex when you enter the church, or in the Parish Hall kitchen.



### MARCH BIRTHDAYS

1	Nathan Hulvey
1	Lisa Christensen
2	Pierce Hamma
2	Blakely Niegsch
3	Acea Newton
6	Carri Thies
6	Neal Morel
6	Ernie Sommerfeld
7	Nic Morel
7	Taylor Russell
8	Lois Johnson
9	Justin Myers
10	Catalina Hernandez
12	Noah Lindfors
13	Dean Johnson
14	Jeri Hintz
14	Brian Patrick
15	Jeremy Snapp
16	Charlotte Edwards
16	Janet Nelson
19	Phil Hamilton
20	Gayle Phillips
20	Wm. Neal Nickel
21	Cindy Bunk
23	Kenzi Kaufman
26	Susan Buffington
28	Ann Hernandez
28	Everleigh Weis

### MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

12 Mr. & Mrs. Tom Emery 42 years

Please notify me in writing at [elimsec@gmail.com](mailto:elimsec@gmail.com) or via text at 785-201-7675 if you need a correction made to the birthday or anniversary list. This will ensure I have the information correct. The data program currently in use creates errors when a person is removed or added. Sorry. This explains why so many dates are wrong. **THANK YOU!**

---- Gayle

### YOUTH GROUP MISSION TRIP

Members of the Youth Group, along with their leaders Lars and Carly Peterson, are planning another mission trip to Nashville, Tennessee during spring break, March 16-21. They will once again do missionary work for CSM Nashville, a nationwide Christian non-profit organization that focuses on those in need in urban areas, spreading the Gospel, and helping youth volunteers grow in their faith. Thank you for supporting them through individual donations or at the Youth Group Spaghetti Dinner in February.

### YOUTH GROUP MEALS

Please call or text **Carly Peterson** at **785-280-2039** if you are willing to help prepare meals for the Youth Group. You can also sign up on the bulletin board. **Meals are to be served each Wednesday at 6:30 PM.** Volunteers (pair up if you can) who provide the food can use paper plates and plastic ware provided by the Youth Group. Prepare to serve 20 meals. This number may change with differing schedules.

Thank you to Kelly Larson, Carol Jones, Gayle Nelson, and Cindy Bunk for providing meals in February.

**DON'T FORGET ABOUT DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME CHANGE SUNDAY, MARCH 9. SET YOUR CLOCKS BACK 1 HOUR... OR YOU'LL BE LATE TO CHURCH!**

### RENEWING THE FACE OF THE EARTH

Salemsborg Lutheran Church is sponsoring a discussion with Bishop Susan Candea and Rev. Noni Strand on the issues facing farmers. The workshop is scheduled for Saturday, March 29 at 4:00-6:00 PM. There will be meal served by the Salemsborg church members. The purpose of the session is to allow farmers and "rural caregivers of the earth" an opportunity to voice their concerns and how to get past the barriers to successfully "live out the call of a farmer". Also, how can the church and others support them. If you are interested in attending, you can RSVP for a meal at <https://tithe.ly/event-registration/#/9804699>. There is no charge for the event.



# Elim Lutheran Church Calendar for MARCH 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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<b>2...Transfiguration of Our Lord</b>  9:45 AM – Adult Bible Study 9:45 AM – Jr. Choir Practice 10:10 AM – Sunday School 11:00 AM –Worship Service w/ Communion	<b>3</b> <b>6:00 PM - Property &amp; Security Mtg.</b> <b>7:00 PM – Church Council Meeting</b>	4	<b>5</b> <b>6:30 PM – ASH WEDNESDAY @ Elim</b> <b>6:30 PM – Youth Meal</b> <b>7:00 PM Youth Group Mtg.</b> <b>7:00 PM – Sr. Choir Practice</b>	6	7	8
<b>9 1st Sunday in Lent</b>  9:45 AM – Sunday School 9:45 AM – Adult Bible Study 10:00 AM – Confirmation Class 11:00 AM – Worship Service	<b>10</b> <i><b>Carpet Cleaning In Parish Hall ALL DAY</b></i>	11	<b>12</b> <b>9:30 AM – WELCA Bible Study</b>  <b>6:30 PM – Lenten Service @ UMC</b> <b>6:30 PM – Youth Meal</b> <b>7:00 PM Youth Group Mtg.</b> <b>7:00 PM – Sr. Choir Practice</b>	13	14	<b>15</b>  <b>Riverview Auxiliary Potato Bar 5:00-7:00 PM</b>
<b>16 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Lent</b>  9:45 AM – Sunday School 9:45 AM – Adult Bible Study 11:00 AM –Worship Service  <b>4:00 PM – Riverview Sing-along</b>	<b>17</b>  <b>YOUTH GROUP Mission Trip March 16-21</b>	18	<b>19</b>  <b>6:30 PM – Lenten Service @ Elim</b> <b>7:00 PM – Sr. Choir Practice</b>	20 <i>Spring Begins</i>	21	22
<b>23 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Lent</b>  9:45 AM – Sunday School 9:45 AM – Adult Bible Study 10:00 AM – Confirmation Class 11:00 AM –Worship Service	24	25	<b>26</b> <b>1:30 PM – Quilt Group</b> <b>6:30 PM – Lenten Service @ UMC</b> <b>6:30 PM – Youth Meal</b> <b>7:00 PM Youth Group Mtg.</b> <b>7:00 PM – Sr. Choir Practice</b>	27	<b>28</b>  <b>2:00 PM – Riverview Birthday Party</b>	29
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